Central Government makes bulk allocation of SKO to the States which make District-wise distribution at their own level. The quantities of SKO allocated to Arunanchal Pradesh for the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 are as under:—

Years	Total Allocation (figs. In MTs.)
1991-92	8890
1992-93	9300
1993-94	9391

(c) and (d) Requests are received from State Governments for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. However, on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet the full demand of the State. Moderate increase has been given to Arunanchal Pradesh during the past year and current year.

Dealerships of Petroleum Products on compassionate ground

2964. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dealership in respect of LPG/SKO/Petrol/Diesel allotted on discretionary quota/compassionate grounds during the last year and the details thereof;

(b) the procedure in vogue for verifying the facts submitted by the applicants;

(c) whether such dealerships/distributorships have been allotted to the close relative such as spouses/parents/parents-in-law/brothers, sisters, sons/sons-in-law etc. of the officers serving in his Ministry and Oil Marketing Corporations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Discretionary allotments of dealerships/distributorships are made by Government on compassionate grounds in deserving cases keeping in view the circumstances of each case. Accordingly, 55 retail outlets, 57 LPG distributorships and 11 SKO-LDO dealerships were allotted by Government during 1993-94 on compassionate grounds.

Before issue of letter of intent, the allottees are required to furnish necessary affidavits to the concerned oil company, for verification of certain facts.

Since relationship of the applicants with the Government/Oil Company's officials is not a criterion for discretionary allotment, such record is not maintained by Government.

IOC Rules for LPG Consumers

2965. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG consumers of IOC have to deposit cylinders to the dealers to obtain a transfer letter in the event of shifting from Delhi to satellite towns like Faridabad, NOIDA and Ghaziabad within the Capital region unlike shifting from one colony to another in Delhi where the consumers are not required to deposit the cylinders;

(b) if so, facts and justification therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to modify relevant rules of IOC permitting consumers to carry cylinders with them in case of shifting within NCR Towns around Delhi and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the present policy of transfer of connections, if a consumer wants to transfer the connection from one city to another, a termination voucher has to be obtained after surrendering the equipment to the concerned distributor. A connection can be obtained on production of the termination voucher in the city where the connection is desired. Only in cases where the transfer of connection is within the city from one area to another on account of shifting of residence, the customer is permitted to take the equipment along with him without depositing the same with the concerned distributor. Since the transfers from Delhi to Faridabad, Noida and Ghaziabad are transfers from one city to another, the customers are not permitted to take the cylinders alongwith them at the time of the transfer of residence.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present, for reasons of handling cylinders and equipments and prevention of irregularities in the operation of distributorships.

Installation of Petrol Pumps on National Highways

2966. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations/ guidelines of the Indian Road Congress for the installation of Petrol Pumps on National Highways;

(b) the number of Petrol Pumps on National Highway No. 8, New Delhi installed as per these provisions;

(c) the number of Petrol Pumps violating the rules of Indian Road Congress out of the above number; and

(d) the details of the violation committed by these Petrol Pumps; and action taken/proposed to be taken against the owners of these Petrol Pumps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Private Companies for Development of Oil and Gas fields in Gujarat

2967. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of oil and gas fields in Gujarat were offered to the private companies for development;

(b) whether response of private companies to take up the development of oil and gas fields gas been poor; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the manner in which Government propose to encourage the private companies to take up the development of oil and gas fields in Gujarat;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The number of oil and gas fields in Gujarat offered to private companies for development in the first and second offers were 18 and 13 respectively.

(b) Bids were received for all the 18 small-sized fields in the first offer and for 4 medium sized and 8 small sized fields in the second offer.

(c) Does not arise.

State-wise Allocation of LPG

2968. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry instructed various oil companies to enroll